

Dubois County Museum eNewsletter

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Come visit the Dubois County Museum during Strassenfest time August 3-6!

Check out the Train Club at the Jasper Depot on Saturday, August 5.

Display of Martina and Claude Eckert's German Trachten clothes.

It is Strassenfest Time!

The sounds of happy crowds, busy vendors, and lively music returns to the Jasper Courthouse square, and many more venues around the City of Jasper, for Strassenfest 2017 from Thursday, August 3 to Sunday, August 6. It is four jam backed days of excitement as Jasper celebrates its German heritage. The Dubois County Museum is one of those venues that are included in the festivities. Make plans now to view our many Strassenfest items, as well as, our over 50,000 square feet of display



exhibits and our ever growing collection of things of Dubois County. Our collection now numbers over 39,000 items, with about 22% on display.



Lobby display of Strassenfest items.

Marilyn Nathan returns to translate Old German Script on Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, from 10-1pm, and Sunday, August 6, beginning at 1:00pm.

The complete set of Strassenfest mugs, buttons and program booklets are on display. How many do you have?

Are you going to the parade on Sunday? Be sure and look for our horse Tinker pulling a fancy carriage. Doesn't he look beautiful?



The museum will be open on Sunday, August 6, from 1-4pm. As mentioned, Marilyn Nathan will be on hand to translate Old German Script, but don't miss the chance to learn a little more history from our knowledgeable volunteers that day, Wanda Snider and County Historian, Art Nordhoff.

Support the museum by purchasing your bags of ice at the ice machine and drinks at the Dads machine on our North side.

Need Ice or a Cold Drink?

Celebration Ice and Hedinger Beverage/Dads Root Beer are contributing to the museum by giving the museum a percentage of the profits of the sale of ice and soft drink from the machines located on the Northside of our building (by the Ruler Store). The Ice Con-

tainer is on the honor system. Deposit your payment in the drop box for the ice. A 7lb bag of ice is ONLY \$1, with 3 bags selling for JUST \$2. The museum staff checks the honor box daily and appreciates everyone's honesty. The Dads Root Beer soft drink machine is located to

the right of the ice freezer. With the hot days of summer ahead, we hope you buy ice and drinks here and support the museum.



Thanks Bailey Bromm



Meet Bailey Bromm.

This summer Bailey has been volunteering on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the lobby at the museum. Bailey is majoring in Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management at Indiana University,

with a minor in Spanish. We hope she has had a great experience with us and we thank her for coming forward and offering to volunteer at the museum. She is the daughter of Dana and Dave Bromm.



'Reading, 'Riting, Program on Saturday, August 19

School age children are invited to a program called "**Reading, Riting, Rithmatic**" at the Dubois County Museum one room schoolhouse on Saturday, August 19 from 10:30-12 p.m.

Experience a day of "Hands on History" as you go back in time in a one-room schoolhouse as a student of the late 1800's. Program is for grades K-5. There is a limit of 15 students per session. Registration is required by emailing csermersheim@hotmail.com. We will return your email with a confirmation and information when you register.

Norb and Katherine Krapf program Saturday, August 26, at 2:00pm

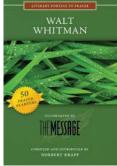


On Saturday, August 26, at 2:00 pm, the Dubois County Museum will host a book launch and the first

reading by Norbert Krapf and his wife Katherine from his new book from ACTA Publications, "Walt Whitman, Illuminated by The Message." Part of the ACTA series Literary Portals to Prayer, the book includes 50 passages Krapf selected from Whitman poems paired with 50 passages from the popular recent Catholic edition of

the Bible translated by Eugene Peterson.

Krapf will read selected Whitman passages from the book and his wife will read the Bible passages paired with them. The purpose of the pairings is to show that great literature, especially when read together with biblical excerpts, can stimulate reflection and prayer.



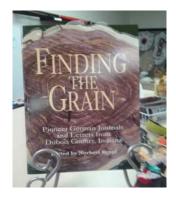
Norb Krapf's new book, "Walt Whitman, Illuminated by The Message"

Krapf Collection Returns

In 1999 the Max Kade German American Center of Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis, in cooperation with the **Dubois County Historical** Society, published Krapf's "Finding the Grain: Pioneer German Journals and Letters from Dubois County." Included are the letters of Rev. Joseph Kundek, who colonized Dubois County with German Catholics and founded Ferdinand and Celestine. The book also includes letters. journals, and documents of other German immigrants who settled in Dubois

In 1999, Krapf gave to the IUPUI Archives seven cartons of his research notes for the book, drafts of introductions to the various materials, photocopies of the original documents that he had translated, and extensive correspondence he carried on in editing and annotating the materials, as well as genealogical information on the families whose documents he edited. Recently, the IUPUI Archives contacted Krapf and informed him that his FTG materials might serve the public better if they were housed in the Dubois Co. Museum, located near where the descendants of the immigrants live today. The board of the DCM voted to approve the transfer and Krapf gave his approval.

Program Director Janet Kluemper says, "'Finding the Grain' is a masterpiece for our county that will live for generations."



The two books being celebrated will be on sale and Krapf will sign and inscribe copies of these and his other books available in the Museum gift shop.



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Admission charges are:

Adults-\$5, High School-\$3

Middle & elementary-\$2

Under four-free

The Dubois County Museum is a local non profit organization committed to the collection, preservation and interpretation of historical artifacts and information important to the citizens of the county. Museum operations are funded by annual memberships, admissions, donations and gifts from visitors, area residents and businesses. The DCM staff consists entirely of volunteers. Please allow two hours to view exhibits. Visit the museum web site often for updates at

<u>www.duboiscountymuseum.org</u>. Like us on Facebook at Dubois County Museum.

Book a tour of the museum by calling 812-634-7733.

Contact Kathy Bachman if interested in volunteering.

Hours are: 10-2pmEST Tuesdays-Fridays, 10-4pm Saturdays, 1-4pm Sundays, Closed on Monday



Omission in July Newsletter: The Civil War Flag was donated to the Dubois County Historical Society by Philip and Gloria Buecher in memory of Ruth Gasser Buecher, granddaughter of Conrad Eckert, the last survivor of Company K. The flag is on loan from the Historical Society.

Storytime on Tuesdays Themes

The Storytime on Tuesdays program for young children will continue into August with these themes:

August 1-Parades-with Bev Schmutzler

August 8-Fishing-with Sandy Miller

August 15-Back to Schoolwith Bonnie Wininger

August 22-Picnic-with Amy Weyer

August 29-Kites-with Amy Weyer



Bonnie shares her tractor toys in July.

Storytime is every Tuesday in August beginning at 10:30am.